

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **AMEND** claims 1, 14 and 20 as follows:

1. A three dimensional (3D) apparatus for use in covering objects, comprising:
 - a. an appropriately sized first relatively stiff, thin and flat structural material;
 - b. a first continuous structural surface having a 3D structural shape and encompassing a cross-sectional area, the first continuous structural surface ~~being comprised of~~ comprising a first end portion of the first structural material joined with either with a second end portion of the first structural material or an end portion of an appropriately sized second relatively stiff, thin and flat structural material thereby forming the 3D structural shape where the first continuous structural surface is capable of restoring the 3D structural shape when the first continuous structural surface is deformed;
and
 - c. the first continuous structural surface being joined to a substantially two-dimensional (2D), sufficiently flexible cover material.

14. A method for creating three dimensional (3D) structures for use in covering objects comprising the steps of:
 - a. appropriately sizing a first relatively stiff, thin and flat structural material;

- b. joining a first end portion of the first structural material either with a second end portion of the first structural material or an end portion of an appropriately sized second relatively stiff, thin and flat structural material, thereby forming a continuous structural surface, ~~which continuous structural surface encompasses~~ comprising a 3D shape encompassing a cross-sectional area where the continuous structural surface is capable of restoring the 3D shape when the continuous structural surface is deformed; and
- c. joining the continuous structural surface to a substantially two-dimensional (2D), relatively flexible cover material.

20. A three dimensional (3D) apparatus for use in covering objects, comprising:

- a. a first relatively stiff, thin and flat structural material;
- b. a first continuous structural surface having a 3D structural shape and encompassing a cross-sectional area, the first continuous structural surface ~~being comprised of~~ comprising a first end portion of the first structural material joined with either a second end portion of the first structural material or an end portion of a second relatively stiff, thin and flat structural material, whereby the first and second structural materials are sized and joined such that the resulting first continuous structural surface has a desired 3D structural shape and the first continuous structural surface is capable of restoring the desired 3D structural shape when the first continuous structural surface is deformed; and

- c. the first continuous structural surface joined to a substantially two-dimensional (2D), sufficiently flexible cover material, which cover material is sufficiently weather resistant and configured to adequately protect an object.

Please CANCEL claims 2, 3, 15 and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Appendix - Pending Claims

The currently pending claims are as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A three dimensional (3D) apparatus for use in covering objects, comprising:
 - d. an appropriately sized first relatively stiff, thin and flat structural material;
 - e. a first continuous structural surface having a 3D structural shape and encompassing a cross-sectional area, the first continuous structural surface comprising a first end portion of the first structural material joined with either with a second end portion of the first structural material or an end portion of an appropriately sized second relatively stiff, thin and flat structural material thereby forming the 3D structural shape where the first continuous structural surface is capable of restoring the 3D structural shape when the first continuous structural surface is deformed; and
 - f. the first continuous structural surface being joined to a substantially two-dimensional (2D), sufficiently flexible cover material.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Original) The 3D cover of claim 1, wherein the first and/or second structural materials are sized and joined such that the resulting first continuous structural

surface has a desired 3D structural shape.

5. (Original)The 3D cover of claim 4, wherein the desired 3D structural shape is configured to have a recognizably similar appearance to an object selected from the group consisting of a cow's head, chicken's head, rocket, dog's head, cat's head, pig's head, hamburger, fish, bottle, nose, glasses, car, bear's head, house, human head, elephant's head, rhinoceros's head, and an alligator's head.
6. (Original)The 3D cover of claim 1, wherein the 2D cover material is configured to cover an outdoor object.
7. (Original)The 3D cover of claim 6, wherein the 2D cover material and the first and second structural materials comprise a sufficiently flexible, weather resistant material configured to substantially protect the object being covered from environmental damage.
8. (Original)The 3D cover of claim 1, wherein the first continuous structural surface is at least in part covered on its exterior by a relatively more flexible material.
9. (Original)The 3D cover of claim 1, wherein the first continuous structural surface is at least in part covered on its interior by a relatively more flexible material.

10. (Original)The 3D cover of claim 1, wherein the first or second structural material comprises flexible foam or plastic sheeting.
11. (Original)The 3D cover of claim 1, wherein the 2D cover material comprises a fabric..
12. (Original)The 3D cover of claim 1, wherein the first and second structural materials are joined by sewing or gluing.
13. (Original)The 3D cover of claim 1, wherein the first continuous structural surface and the 2D cover material are joined by sewing or gluing.
14. (Currently amended)A method for creating three dimensional (3D) structures for use in covering objects comprising the steps of:
 - a. appropriately sizing a first relatively stiff, thin and flat structural material;
 - b. joining a first end portion of the first structural material either with a second end portion of the first structural material or an end portion of an appropriately sized second relatively stiff, thin and flat structural material, thereby forming a continuous structural surface comprising a 3D shape encompassing a cross-sectional area where the continuous structural surface is capable of restoring the 3D shape when the continuous structural surface is deformed; and

- c. joining the continuous structural surface to a substantially two-dimensional (2D), relatively flexible cover material.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Original)The method of claim 14, wherein the first and/or second structural materials are sized and joined such that the resulting first continuous structural surface has a desired 3D structural shape.

18. (Original)The method of claim 14, wherein the first structural material comprises flexible foam or plastic sheeting.

19. (Original)The method of claim 14, wherein the step of joining is done by sewing or gluing.

20. (Currently amended)A three dimensional (3D) apparatus for use in covering objects, comprising:

- a. a first relatively stiff, thin and flat structural material;
- b. a first continuous structural surface having a 3D structural shape and encompassing a cross-sectional area, the first continuous structural surface comprising a first end portion of the first structural material joined with either a second end portion of the first structural material or an end portion

of a second relatively stiff, thin and flat structural material, whereby the first and second structural materials are sized and joined such that the resulting first continuous structural surface has a desired 3D structural shape and the first continuous structural surface is capable of restoring the desired 3D structural shape when the first continuous structural surface is deformed; and

- c. the first continuous structural surface joined to a substantially two-dimensional (2D), sufficiently flexible cover material, which cover material is sufficiently weather resistant and configured to adequately protect an object.